

GPT/Custer spur EIS
c/o CH2MHILL
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Re: Proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal Project

Dear Madam or Sir,

Hello, I am Justin Bartolini born in Mount Vernon Washington in 1979 and a resident of Whatcom county for over a decade now. I am writing this letter because I feel this project is a violation of human rights, destructive to the environment, and a threat to national security.

Besides the stupidity of removing our nations natural resources and wasting fossil fuels to ship them across the Pacific just so we can further atmospheric pollution, I am deeply concerned about the environmental impact on Orcas an endangered species.

I have been commercially fishing in the Bering Sea and the Salish Sea(the real name of the Puget Sound) for just over a decade now and have commercially crabbed in the area to be affected. Being a fisherman it is important for me to understand and steward the maritime environment and I have always pursued further education to improve my relationship with the sea.

The impacts this project will have are beyond science to comprehend, modern science is of the reductionist mindset and is incapable of seeing the larger holistic picture. I would ask for you to study how this will impact the Orca but the Orca is in the web of life, so to study the Orca one must understand the whole web.

The mentality behind this project is the same evil that raped, killed and tried to bring genocide to the Native Americans. Now this project want to disturb sacred tribal land. Black Hawk once said "how smooth must be the language of the whites, when they can make right look like wrong, and wrong look like right." I would ask you to look into how this would impact the Orca but what matters is the lens you are looking through and your people lack perception.

The disturbance from the worlds larges ships will have horrible circumstances to marine life. From the noise and vibration to the importation of nonnative species. That is just the tip of the iceberg. Human error while operating large vessels is going to happen and has always happened. The ocean is an unforgiving place and with all the stress modern man has brought upon the oceans already from the plastic gyres to countless oil spills, there is no more room for error.

I am a certified commercial fishing drill instructor and in my training I know first hand the vulnerability of ships and boats. You do not get a second chance when the shit hits the fan and trust me it does. Greed only makes it all the more dangerous. This is not an opinion but a fact. The

intention behind these large vessels are purely greed and I have seen that same greed sink boats and or burn them up.

So if you would have your EIS look in the affect this will have on Orcas that would be great but fact is that everything on this planet connected and you can't simplify life by disconnecting the parts from the whole. We must stop this terminal an pier at all costs. Mitigation is inadequate.

Thank you,

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